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STRUCTURAL ELEMENT AND PROCESS FOR FORMING THE  
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Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, the  
applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on:

Japanese Patent Application No. 10-069787  
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A Certified Copy of said Japanese Patent Application is  
attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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